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The Honorable Mark Ouimet
Michigan State Representative
124 N. Capitol
S-986 House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Ouimet:

I am writing to you today, to ask for your support for House Bill 4007 focused on changing current laws regarding annexation.

Land disputes have continued to plague and devastate essential intergovernmental relationships and effective long term planning for far too long. It is time to update and modernize the law so that bordering communities can work together rather than continue to be at odds with one other. This legislation is an excellent start and a reasonable way to prevent bitter land disputes that are troublesome for our highly populated communities.

This legislation protects our residents and our communities from being at the mercy of developers and upsetting land disputes that can weaken their quality of life and local control of land use.

The Snyder Administration has made it a priority to promote municipal cooperation, and annexation does the exact opposite. It has fueled antagonistic relationships between municipalities and has fostered a system in which townships and cities have unequal rights where annexation is concerned.

Thank you for your anticipated support. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charter Township of Northville

Mark J. Abbo, Supervisor